
RETURN to an Order of the Honorable the House of Commons,
dated the 17th June 1913:—*for*

A RETURN showing, for each year since 1886, the Acts of Parliament relating solely to Ireland under which public money has been provided by way of Grant and Loan, respectively, and the amount expended under the provisions of each such Act up to the 31st day of March, 1913.

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Ireland—Grants and Loans.

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Act of Parliament.	Amount Expended to 31st March, 1913.		Observations
	Grant.	Loan.	
	£	£	
Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1886	21,000	—	This Grant was provided out of the Irish Church Fund.
Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, 1889 and 1893.	1,147,867	—	£542,600 was borrowed from the National Debt Commissioners, and the instalments of Annuities in repayment of these advances (amounting with interest to £634,966) were voted by Parliament. In addition, grants amounting to £606,267 were made direct from the Exchequer.
River and Drainage Act, 1890	30,000	—	The amount was paid out of Vote for Public Works and Buildings (Ireland).
Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Act, 1892.	—	274,520	The loans were repaid by Boards of Guardians with the exception of £765 which was remitted. Interest amounting to £16,663 was paid out of the Irish Church Fund.
Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891.— Section 4	5,990	—	The "County Percentage" amounting to $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the advances for Land Purchase under the Act of 1891 was applied towards the cost of providing labourers' cottages. It was abolished by Section 27 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and the balance added to the residue of the Exchequer Contribution in 1901-5.
Section 5	645,438	—	The Exchequer Contribution of £40,000 a year is paid out of the Consolidated Fund and applied to local purposes mainly towards the cost of providing labourers' cottages.
Section 35 (1) ..	932,850	—	The sums amounting to £11,250 a year placed at the disposal of the Congested Districts Board by this section of the Act are charged on the Irish Church Temporalities Fund. The grant represents the interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. on the sum of £1,500,000 referred to in the Act as the Church Surplus Grant.
Section 49 (3) ...	8,760	—	Provided by Parliament between the years 1891 and 1900 in respect of the remuneration of the officers employed by the Congested Districts Board.
Section 40 (3) ...	—	227,700	Advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works to the Congested Districts Board for improvement of estates pending sales to occupiers, &c. £24,577 has been repaid.
Irish Education Act, 1892 ...	4,908,757	—	This is an Equivalent Grant voted annually by Parliament. The corresponding grant for England was provided by the Elementary Education Act, 1891, and for Scotland by the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892.

GRANTS AND LOANS—continued.

Act of Parliament.	Amount Expended to 31st March, 1913.		Observations.
	Grant.	Loan.	
	£	£	
Light Railways (Ireland) Act, 1893	—	—	Included under Light Railways Act, 1889.
Tramways (Ireland) Act 1895	115,833	—	£115,833 was borrowed from the National Debt Commissioners, and the instalments of Annuities in repayment of these advances (amounting with interest to £135,862) were voted by Parliament.
Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Act, 1895.	—	62,375	The loans were repaid by Boards of Guardians. Interest amounting to £3,459 was paid out of the Irish Church Fund.
Railways (Ireland) Act, 1894, and Marine Works (Ireland) Act, 1902.	374,295	—	£374,295 was expended out of moneys borrowed from the National Debt Commissioners, and £39,273 provided from receipts in respect of traffic, sale of stock, &c., in connection with Railways Act, 1894, including contributions made by the Congested Districts Board, the Department of Agriculture and local authorities in the case of Marine Works, and Parliamentary grant (£22,251) in aid of works at Dromies Bay.
Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1897.	—	—	Included under Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.
Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898:—			
Section 48	10,550,167	—	The Agricultural Grant of £727,655 a year is paid out of the Consolidated Fund to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account. This grant is the equivalent of the grant given in relief of rates on agricultural land in England under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896.
Section 56	4,117,164	—	The grant being the equivalent of the proceeds of local taxation licence duties and the sum of £79,000 is annually paid out of the Consolidated Fund to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account and applied in aid of certain local services.
Section 61	—	235,793	Loans in respect of Workhouse Buildings in course of repayment by Boards of Guardians.
Seed Supply and Potato Spraying (Ireland) Act, 1898.	—	78,652	The loans were repaid by Boards of Guardians. Interest amounting to £3,881 was paid out of the Irish Church Fund.
Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.	2,464,646	36,880	The funds placed at the disposal of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for grants, were:— £78,000 a year out of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account previously paid to the Commissioners of National Education. £70,000 a year from the Irish Church Surplus for a period of 15 years, and during each subsequent period of 15 years such annual sum as, in the opinion of the Treasury, can be paid without impairing the security for liabilities on the Fund. Portion of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund reserved by the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, for expenditure outside congested districts counties.

GRANTS AND LOANS—continued.

Act of Parliament.	Amount Expended to 31st March, 1913.		Observations.
	Grant.	Loan.	
	£	£	
Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899—continued			<p>£12,000 a year provided by Parliament as an equivalent for the salaries attached to Judgeships abolished or left vacant, and other savings in pursuance of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1897.</p> <p>£5,000 a year provided by Parliament, representing the amount previously paid in connexion with instruction in agriculture.</p> <p>All sums paid to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account pursuant to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Estate Duty Act, 1896, which are not required for the purposes of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.</p> <p>The loans were advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works to local authorities for the erection of Technical Schools.</p>
Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1890.	337,500	—	Under Section 5 of the Act a sum of 335,000 is voted annually by Parliament for the purposes of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts.
Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1902.	55,000	—	This represents the sum of £5,000 a year previously paid to the Royal Dublin Society for the improvement of the breed of horses and cattle.
Marine Works (Ireland) Act, 1902.	—	—	Included under Railways (Ireland) Act, 1896.
Ireland Development Grant Act, 1905.	1,807,837	—	£185,000 voted annually by Parliament. This Grant is the estimated equivalent of the additional grant for education in England and Wales instituted in 1902.
Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act, 1903.	217,081	—	Expended out of moneys borrowed from the National Debt Commissioners.
Newry, Keady, and Tynan Railway Act, 1903.	—	—	£25,000 has been provided under this Act though never expended.
Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1906 and 1911.	—	3,872,031	<p>Advances made in cash from the Irish Land Purchase Fund to Rural District Councils for the purpose of building labourers cottages and acquiring the sites.</p> <p>The loans are repayable by the Rural District Councils except as regards 16 per cent. of the annuities defrayed out of the interest on the Labourers Cottages Fund, and 20 per cent. of the annuities formerly payable out of the Ireland Development Grant and now defrayed out of the Vote for the Local Government Board (see under Irish Land Act, 1906, Section 11 (2)).</p> <p>The Labourers Cottages Fund consists of the following capital sums:—</p> <p>£150,000 from the Petty Sessions Clerk Fund.</p> <p>£70,000 from the Ireland Development Grant.</p> <p>£24,000 from the Irish Sutors Fund.</p> <p>Proceeds of £20,000 Convals from the Irish Sutors Fund.</p>

GRANTS AND LOANS—continued.

Act of Parliament	Amount Expended to 31st March, 1913.		Observations.
	Grant	Loan	
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 and 1911— <i>continued</i> .	£	£	And the following annual sums:— £6,000 a year from the Exchequer (Contributions of £90,000 a year under Section 5 of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891. £9,000 a year in respect of savings under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1907. The total amount invested is £309,630, and the annual income £27,861, including the above annual sums.
Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Act, 1906	—	79,017	The loans were repaid with interest by Boards of Guardians, a grant in aid of £8,500 being made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.
Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1907.	—	—	The savings effected by the abolition of two Judgeships and the reduction of the salary of the Lord Chancellor to £5,000 a year are included under Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906.
Irish Universities Act, 1908.	341,818	—	Sum amounting to £262,000 are voted annually by Parliament for the general purposes of the new Universities and Colleges. In addition, grants within a total maximum of £230,000 are provided for lands, buildings, and equipment.
Seed Potatoes and Seed Oats Supply (Ireland) Act, 1908	—	32,941	The loans were repaid with interest by Boards of Guardians.
Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1908.	—	385,361	Advances out of Local Loans Fund and in course of repayment by local authorities. Under Section 5 of the Act the Irish Housing Fund was created, consisting of a capital sum of £80,000 and the proceeds of £100,000 (nominal) two and a half per cent. Consols taken from the Irish Sutors Fund. The annual income of the Fund is applied in aid of the half-yearly payments to be made by the local authorities in repayment of moneys borrowed for housing purposes. (The total amount invested is £177,194, annual income £6,608, and the payments to local authorities to 31st March 1913, £5,361.
Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1906, Tralee and Fenit Pier.	6,000	—	Paid out of Vote for Public Works and Buildings (Ireland).
Irish Land Act, 1906:— Section 11 (2)	51,605	—	Paid out of the Vote for the Local Government Board for Ireland in lieu of payment charged on the Ireland Development Grant by Section 17 of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906. The annual charge is not to exceed £24,600 a year.
Section 49	524,039	—	An annual sum of £163,750 is provided by Parliament and paid to the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, with the exception of a sum of £10,000 a year paid to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties transferred to the Department under the Act.
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1911	—	—	Included under Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906.

GRANTS AND LOANS FOR LAND PURCHASE

Act of Parliament.	Amount Expended to 31st March 1915.		Observations.
	Grant.	Loan.	
	£	£	
Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885.	---	1,971,396	Advances made in Cash from Local Loans Fund.
Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891. Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.	---	13,146,810	Advances made in Guaranteed Land Stock.
Irish Land Act, 1903	---	48,967,578	Advances made in Cash from the Irish Land Purchase Fund.
Irish Land Act, 1903	---	7,150,782	Advances made by issue of £7,783,372. Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Stock at 92.
Irish Land Act, 1903	5,690,294	---	Percentages under Section 48 paid to Vendors in Cash. (£867,030 has been paid from the Vote for the Irish Land Commission by way of annuities comprising Interest and Sinking Fund on this charge).
Irish Land Act, 1903	291,771	318,091	Paid for Improvement of Estates purchased by the Land Commission, for losses on Congested Estates; and for expenses under the Irish Land Act, 1907. Of the total sum so expended £279,523 was provided from the Reserve Fund and £239,509 from the Vote for the Irish Land Commission.
Irish Land Act, 1903	187,698	---	Paid from the Vote for the Irish Land Commission for Interest and Sinking Fund on Excess Stock issued for the purposes of the Act.
Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.	---	318,610	Advances made in cash from the Irish Land Purchase Fund.
Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.	---	66,339	Advances in Guaranteed 3 per cent. Stock.
Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.	35,316	---	Paid in Cash from the Land Purchase Aid Fund for the purpose of meeting capital losses on the resale of Estates purchased under the Act.
Irish Land Act, 1909.	---	2,975,805	Advances made in Guaranteed 3 per cent. Stock.
Irish Land Act, 1909	---	90,865	Advances made in Cash from the Irish Land Purchase Fund (Secs. 45 and 60 of the Act).

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